UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION 5:20-cv-00203-MR

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THIS MATTER comes before the Court *sua sponte* based on the parties' not having filed any dispositive motions in this matter by the deadline for such.

The parties are directed to notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to participating in a judicial settlement conference pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3(d) in an effort to settle this matter without a trial.

The parties are advised that, should a judicial settlement conference being undertaken in this matter to facilitate settlement, there is no requirement that the case settle through such a conference. Rather, if a judicial settlement conference were unsuccessful, the matter would proceed to trial. Should either or both parties object to a judicial settlement

conference in this matter, the matter will be set for trial to occur as soon as feasible.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties shall notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter in accordance with the terms of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: May 5, 2022

Martin Reidinger

Chief United States District Judge